

WI-645
Albert Smith House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1890

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-645

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Albert Smith House

other

2. Location

street and number 300 Park Avenue not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William D. Betts, Sr.

street and number 300 Park Avenue telephone

city, town Salisbury state Maryland zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1415 folio 102

city, town Salisbury tax map 106 tax parcel 991 tax ID number 9-056807

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	3 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	religion
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	social
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	unknown
			vacant/not in use
			other:
			3 Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Albert Smith house is located at 300 Park Avenue on the northwest corner of Park Avenue and West Chestnut Street in the Newtown Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay, center hall plan late nineteenth-century frame dwelling is supported on a raised brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar, and the exterior is clad with a combination of asbestos shingles and decorative fishscale shingles. The steeply pitched cross gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-and-a-half story service wing. Joining the house on the lot are two gable roofed outbuildings.

Dating around 1890, the two-and-a-half story, single-pile, main block has a symmetrical three-bay façade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The front door is a replacement, but the entrance survives with a tripartite transom executed with cross-pattern muntins and ten-pane sidelights. The adjacent windows retain shutter pintels but the shutters have been removed. Sheltering the first story is a cross-gabled, hip roofed porch supported on fluted posts. The second story is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and piercing the cross gable is a pointed arch four-over-two sash window. The edge of the steeply pitched roof is trimmed with an extended eave, open soffits, and decorated bargeboards. Fixed in the peak of the cross gable is a turned wooden finial and pendant. The bargeboard is enhanced with round medallions. Piercing the roofline is a stove chimney on the south side of the center passage. A second stack rises between the north parlor and the rear service wing.

The south gable end of the main block is dominated by a two-story, cross-gabled pavilion. The pavilion has three principal sides pierced by multi-paned windows with colored glass perimeter panes. A band of fishscale shingles cover the wall area between the first and second floor windows. Hanging from the outer edges of the shed roof over the bay are fan-shaped brackets. Located above the two-story pavilion is a pointed arch four-over-two sash window that lights the attic of the main block. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave trimmed with decorated bargeboards and exposed rafter tails.

The north gable end is defined by single two-over-two sash windows on the first and second floors, and a pointed arch four-over-two sash window lights the attic. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave and decorated bargeboards.

Covering the west (rear) wall of the main block is a two-and-a-half story, three-bay by one room service wing, which is extended on the south side by a single-story cross-gabled shed roofed enclosed porch and on the north side a single-story bay windows. The rear wing is finished in the same manner as the front block with extended eaves, open soffits, and decorated bargeboards. Pointed arch windows pierce cross gables on the north and south roof slopes. Attached to the back of the service wing is a single story gable roofed cellar entry.

Standing southwest of the service wing is a single-story, rectangular frame privy covered by a steeply pitched gable roof finished like the house with extended eaves and open soffits. The exterior is covered with a combination of plain weatherboard siding and fishscale shingles.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Albert Smith House
300 Park Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 106, Parcel 991

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Charles Andrew Momme, Personal Representative of the
Estate of Albert C. Smith

to

10/31/1994

William D. Smith, Sr.

being the same property that was conveyed unto Carrie E. Smith
during her lifetime by Gordon H. Toadvine, 1/13/1890, FMS 5/412,
being same land conveyed by deed of Maryland National Bank under
Last Will and Testament of Carey Estelle Smith to Albert C. Smith,
dated 2/20/1985, AJS 1030/703

FMS 5/412

Gordon H. Toadvine
Martha J. Toadvine

to

1/13/1890

Carrie Estelle Smith
\$500 80 feet along Park Street

Salisbury City Directory, 1907, Albert Smith (lumber merchant) 503 Park Street
Stella Smith (wife of Albert)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Salisbury City Directory, 1907, transcribed and printed by Family Tree Bookshop, 1998.

Sanborn Insurance Maps, various issues, microfilm at the Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture.

Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 12,008 square feet
Acreage of historical setting 12,008 square feet
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	11/24/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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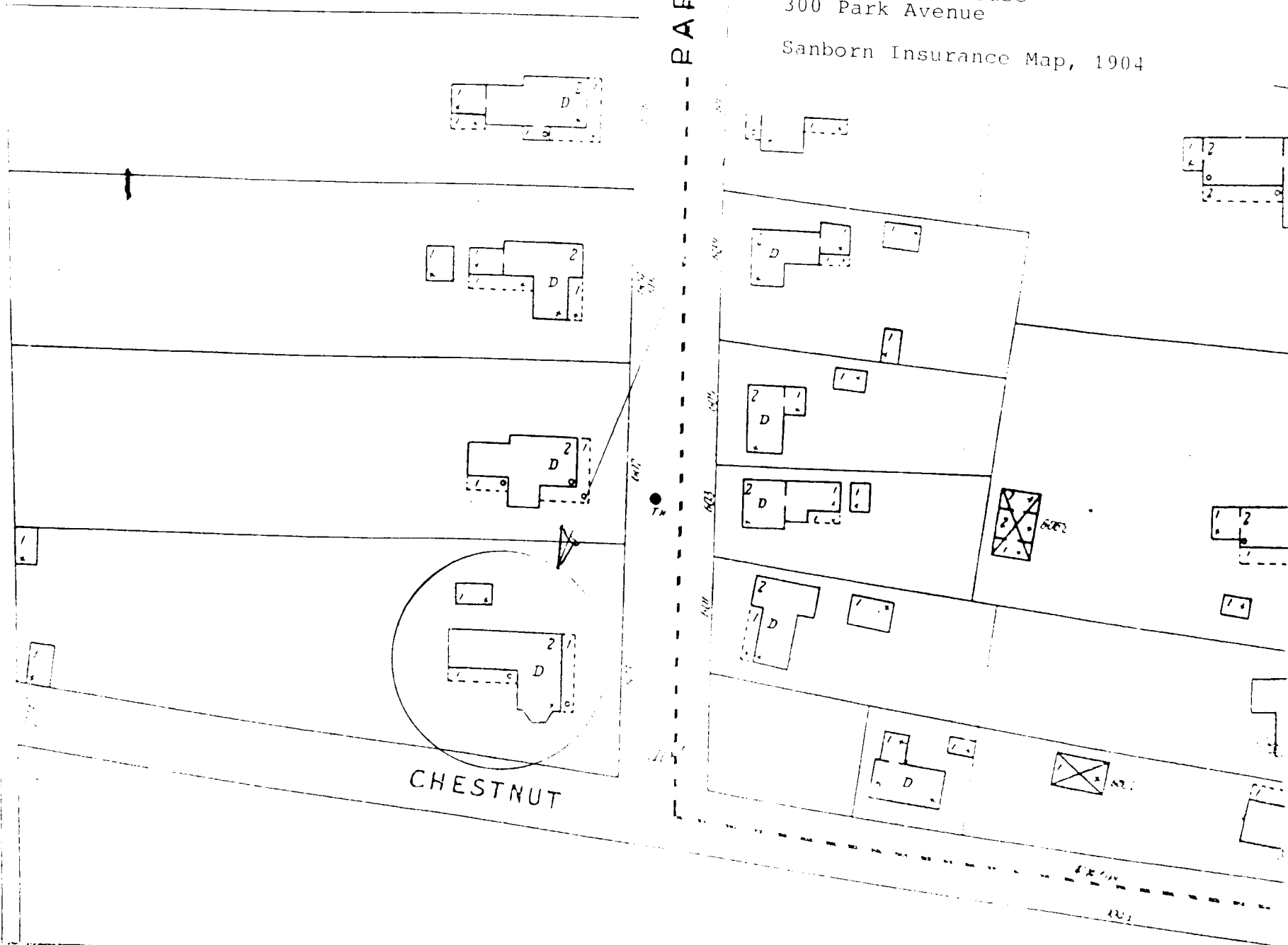
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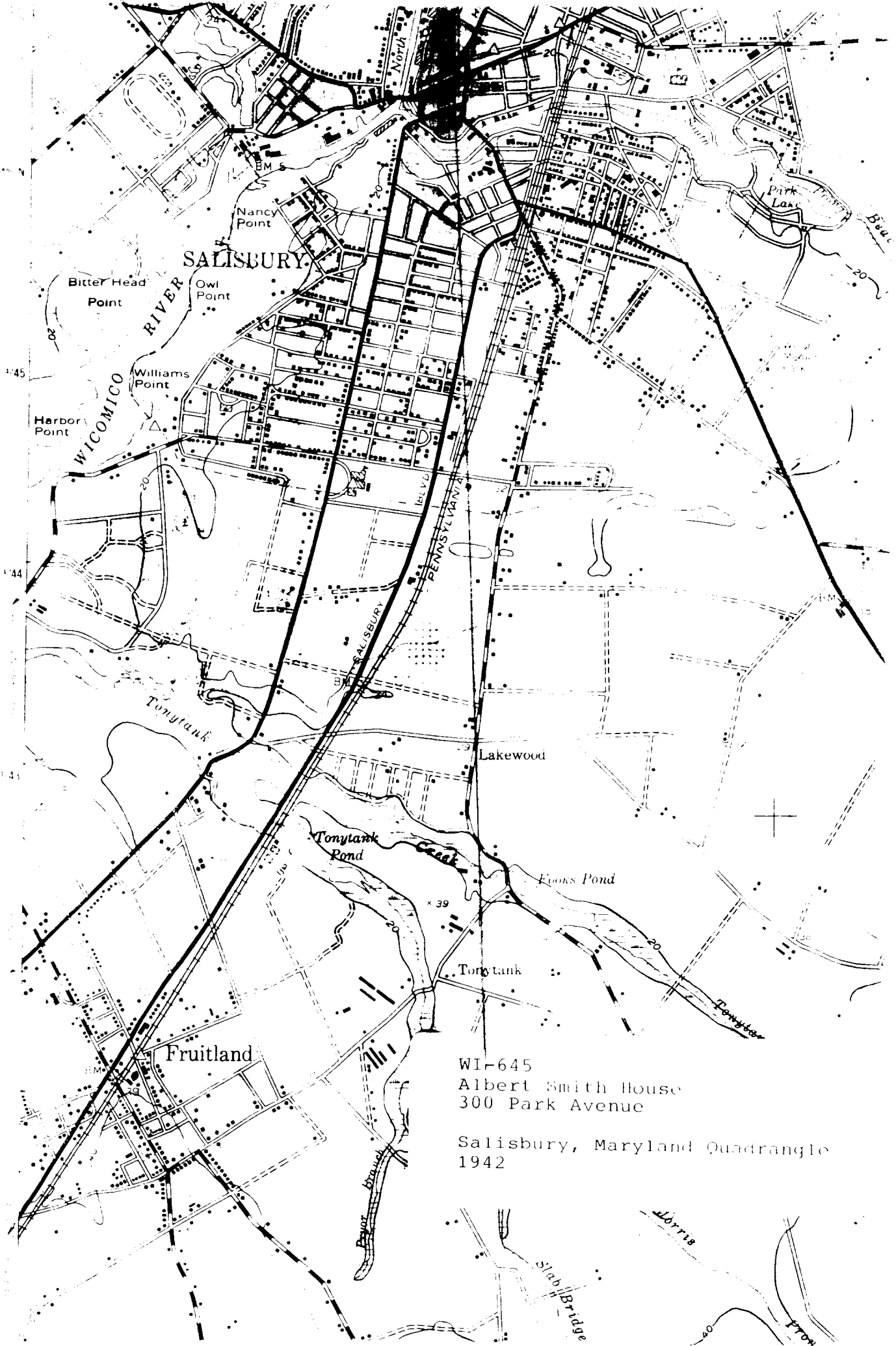
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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Albert Smith House
300 Park Avenue

Sanborn Insurance Map, 1904







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ALBERT SMITH HOUSE

SARISBURY, WILMINGTON CO., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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Arbent Smith House

Salisbury, Wicomico Co., MD.

EAST ELEVATION

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Arbent Smith House

Springburg, Wilcox Co. Ga.

Southeast Elevation of Rock

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ALBERT SUMMIT HOUSE

SALISBURY, WISCONSIN CO., MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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